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Sent: 12/10/2018 3:58:22 PM
To: Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Can pfas be destroyed thermally?

May also help. Let me know of any other questions and can followup with this group

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From: Ryan, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Gullett, Brian <Gullett.Brian@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Cc: Speth, Thomas <Speth.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can pfas be destroyed thermally?

I am really only aware of 3 sources where emissions tests have been performed. The Chemours facilities in NC and WV which only looked at GenX - the processes were not high temperature; and the NH fabric coating test where we were actively involved. While temperatures were higher (<700 F), thermal destruction was not the objective. Activating the polymer was.

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From: Gullett, Brian
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To: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Can pfas be destroyed thermally?

I'm only aware of the very limited and recent data we took with NH. Industry and NC State have limited data from Chemours.

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> On Nov 7, 2018, at 2:26 PM, Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Is there information on monitoring-of pfas from incinerators emissions?
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>> On Nov 7, 2018, at 2:25 PM, Gullett, Brian <Gullett.Brian@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Yes, they can be destroyed. I believe there is one old paper by Phil Taylor at UDRI that discusses thermal stability.
>> If you need to know him more let me know and I will look it up.
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>>> On Nov 7, 2018, at 2:21 PM, Speth, Thomas <Speth.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Jennifer,
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>>> Sorry, just got out of some meetings. I'm sure the RTP people have that. I will cc them.
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
>>> Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 11:03 AM
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>>> Subject: Re: Can pfas be destroyed thermally?
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>>> Any monitoring data from incinerators for pfas?
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>>>> On Nov 7, 2018, at 10:09 AM, Speth, Thomas <Speth.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Jennifer,
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>>>> Yes, but it is likely the temperatures need to be very high. There is a tradeoff between destroying them (and then what is the final product - probably HF acid) and just releasing them to the offgas. Either way, some type of scrubber will be needed.
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>>>> We are talking with Calgon and Evoqua to do a study on thermal reactivation of PFAS-laden activated carbon. Hopefully, we can glean some information.
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